

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claim 1 was objected to because of informalities. Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teramachi et al. (PCT No. JP0413901) in view of Kesinger (U.S. Pat. No. 6,131,866).

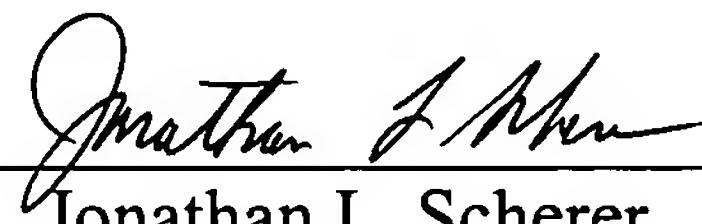
Applicant would like to thank Examiner McDuffie for the consideration given applicant's attorney at the interview of September 3, 2009. At the interview, agreement was reached with respect to the claims that they are distinguished over the prior art of record. It was further agreed that, in the absence of more relevant prior art, the captioned application should be in condition for allowance.

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application should now be in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is in order, and such favorable action and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

However, if after reviewing the above amendments and remarks, the Examiner has any questions or comments, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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